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BROOM CORN (*Andropogon sorghum*).

An annual with tall, jointed stems bearing large terminal panicles adapted to the manufacture of brooms. It is grown most extensively in the Central States, viz, Tennessee, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, and adjoining States. The plant is adapted to any soil and climate where corn and sorghum flourish. The dwarf varieties are well adapted to rather poor, sandy soil. The soil should be in good condition and as free as possible from weed seed, as the young plants are delicate and easily retarded. Early cultivation will enable the plants to get the start of weeds.

Planting.—Broom corn is planted a week or two later than corn, in rows three and one-half feet apart, enough seed being drilled to insure a plant every five or eight inches. About two quarts of seed are required to plant an acre. Weight of seed per bushel 40 to 50 pounds.

